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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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POWER DISTRIBUTION BUS WITH PROTECTION AND

ALARMING

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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This communication is in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2003. Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application. Of these claims, claims 1-8 and 16-45 are withdrawn after an election was made with traverse on June 30, 2003 in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated June 4, 2003. The Examiner rejected the Applicants' traversal of the restriction requirement with respect to Claims 16-23. Claims 9-15 remain for prosecution and are the subject of the Office Action dated October 15, 2003. The Examiner allowed claims 14 and 15 and rejected claims 9-13. Additionally, the Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.